

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10 and 12-14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 5 and 11 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 11 has also been amended to improve the consistency of the claim terms within that claim without narrowing its scope.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2, 5-7 and 11 are now pending in this application.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 2, 5-7 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 5 and 11 have been amended to be in independent form, and thus are now in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Claims 6 and 7 ultimately depend from claim 5 and thus are likewise in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Informality

The Office Action indicated that claim 14 contained an informality. This informality is moot in light of the cancellation of claim 14.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Guracar. This rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10 and 12-14.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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